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Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 8:31 AM
To: John Katz
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Amen. Thanks John. (And I can't handle staffer leaks, either.)

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Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 12:27:12

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With the gas team, we are implementing initiatives in several quarters to address the points discussed in the delegation meeting. Beyond this, I didn't see much new in the content of the exchanges which occurred.

The delegation is convinced that we should resume negotiations with the producers. We have responded that you stand by the principles in AGIA and that there may be a role for the producers at some point later on.

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Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 9:14 AM

To: Myrna Brown; Andrew Ebona; Lindoff; Angel A (DOR); A Duncan Munro; amalia.monreal@searhc.org; Miss Annette Marie Osborne; angel.culp@goldbelt.com; Alfred McKinley; Sr.; andrea doll; Andrea Cadiente-Laiti; Beverly J. Vonda; Donnelly; Bernice M (EED); Buck; Hannah K (GOV); bobloescher@gci.net; Clifton; Kelly L (GOV); connie munro; Doloresa Cadiente; danthea; Brown; Darrell (HAL); Ella Bennett; Ethel Lund; Corpuz; Elena (DOA); Susettna; Gomez; Shelly (HSS); gary.droubay@goldbelt.com; Ishmael Hope; jfjll; Mason; Janice L (GOV); Jerry Ann; Judy Mason; Jerry Bennett; Bennett; Janice A (DFG); Joann Patterson; Catherine V. Thomas; kate.kokotovich@sealaska.com; Kathy Miller; Squires-White; Lynn (DOA); SueAnn Williams; Lavonne Garvey; lkadinger@thrha.org; Nashoanak; Martha L (DOA); Maureen Brown; Mike Early; marietta.hopkins@sealaska.com; Michele Metz; memartin@gci.net; Marie Olsen; Miller; Mary E (DOL); Marvin; Sharon A (HSS); Molly Yerkes; Barnes; Nancy C (LAA); Norman Sarabia; norman.flood@goldbelt.com; nicole.hallingstad@sealaska.com; Korting; Nancy A (LAW); peter@kootznoowoo.com; Percy Martin; pexendine@gci.net; Ruaro; Randall P (GOV); Ron Williams; Renee Culp; Rhonda Hickok; Selina Everson; Palin; Sarah H (GOV); Thea Brown; Theresa Tanoury; St.Clair; Vonda M (DOR); Vicki Soboleff; Victoria Johnson; Diane Carrier; Lyle James; zuboffsj@gci.net

Subject: Lunch

Please remember that the Native Issues Forum is open to the public and is co-sponsored by ANB Camp 2 and Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska. Today (January 30th) is yet another forum with wonderful speakers Senator Bettye Davis who is promoting Women's Hearth Month; February 6th is "Wear Red Day" and she has designated individuals who will present this to the audience. Following this important topic will be Representative Beth Kerttula who is always a popular speaker. Our 1st Vice-President of Executive Council Dana Leask-Ruaro will MC.

The Native Issues cooking crew is busy preparing a delicious lunch style buffet that includes corn beef brisket w/cabbage, meat loaf supreme, mashed potatoes, steamed rice, green beans, buttered dinner roll, fresh berry pie, lima beans with ham, potato salad, macaroni salad, cesar's salad and fruit salad. This certainly beats being out in this cold miserable weather; you can see old friends and meet new friends! The cooking smells throughout the building here is making everyone hungry....

The Native Issues Forum begins approximately at 11:45 AM and concludes at 1:00 PM. Your presence is valuable and important. Thank you.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 8:19 AM
To: jaybishop@gci.net
Subject: RE: General_Administration

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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Web mail from: Mr. Jay Bishop

address: PO Box 2986 Seward AK 99664

907 224-2394

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin,

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Your openess of government and honesty is so refreshing. You are what Alaska needs at this pivitol juncture in our history. Keep on keeping on.

God bless you, your family and this great state,

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To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

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Subject: Confid

Too many people to ensure confidentiality. And, I know Andrew twists things but he quoted so someone talked. We have only one person I can see on our side who makes me wonder if it's him, but there are a whole host of others on the congressional side it could have come from.

Water under the bridge now.

Small meeting next time is the answer.

On the plane to Juneau.

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To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Halcro

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Can u find time for Tom, AGIA et al to meet w me today re: this Halcro meeting issue?

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Subject: Gavel to Gavel programming - evening and through the night!

Dear Honorable Govenor Sarah Palin,

Thank you for all you do for us in Alaska. I respect and admire you tremendously.

I wanted you to know about an email that I sent to Gavel to Gavel through their online submission form. Last nights programming included at least two Heartbeat Alaska programs and somehing about a 360 group. This has been typical of every time I have checked the channel since this session has begun. Whatever your office can do to effect a change and allow visual access for those who are not in Juneau, will be helpful!

Thank YOU! ~ Sally Javier, 6425 East 16th Avenue, Anchorage, AK - 907-333-2255

Dear Friends at KTOO:

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Thank you,
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address: 255 Lake Rd. Menasha WI 54952

920-751-8810

MESSAGE:

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By Susan Crabtree

Posted: 01/30/08 12:01 AM [ET]

Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska), who is under FBI investigation and faces a tough reelection

fight, opened a legal defense fund earlier this month, according to House filings.

The House ethics committee approved the defense fund Jan. 9, but it has not reported taking any donations yet, and Young spokesman Mike Anderson would not say if anyone had written checks.

"We had some feedback from some folks who said they wanted to help us out but they wanted to do so through a legal expense fund, so we went ahead and did that in the hopes that our campaign funds can be freed up," he said.

Young spent nearly $450,000 of his campaign money on legal expenses last year as several political opponents lined up to try to defeat him, one in his own party. Young is facing a primary challenge from state Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux and a potentially difficult general election as well. National Democrats feel that former lieutenant governor candidate Ethan Berkowitz would be a strong challenger. Diane Benson (D) — who has previously challenged Young — and former state party chairman Jake Metcalfe (D) are also running.

Late last week, Young's campaign began airing TV ads in Alaska, underscoring the importance for Alaska of having a senior member representing the state.

"I'm the person that should be elected to that job," he stressed. "Not for Don Young, but for Alaska." Young has attracted criticism from taxpayer watchdog groups for seeking the infamous "Bridge to Nowhere."

Young in 2006 attracted 57 percent of the state's vote. President Bush won 61 percent of Alaska's vote in 2004.

Anderson brushed off claims that Young is facing the most difficult race he's had in years.

"This one is the one with the most interest in a long time, but all his races have been tough," he said.

The 18-term lawmaker had nearly $1.5 million in his campaign account as of Sept. 30, 2007, according to CQ Money Line. Young's political action committee had over $238,000 at the end of last year.

Late last year, the Justice Department reportedly began investigating whether an Alaska oil contractor used golf tournaments to funnel cash to Young, a new development in a case stemming from a state bribery investigation involving VECO, a company that services pipelines and builds oil exploration equipment.

The legal expense fund filings name Gail Schubert, an executive vice president of Bering Straits Native Corporation, as the trustee of the fund. The entity is one of 13 Alaskan native regional corporations created to represent natives' interests in land claims. Anderson said Schubert's company granted her permission to serve as the trustee and that she is a lawyer and longtime friend of Young.

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Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 11:04 AM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Bailey; Frank T (GOV)
Subject: RE: approval ratings - Ivan Moore's latest poll

if that's true... it's only by the Grace of God.

sheeesh - what an energizing day this has already started out to be, my friends! Never a dull moment... love ya all and hope today is a great one.

Great work on B and C last night Frank - appreciate the conclusions that were drawn.

"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov> wrote:

> So if I.m reading this right (tiny text on handheld)...still over 80 percent!!! Whooohooo!
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)"
> To: "Bailey, Frank T (GOV)" ; "ExternalEmailgsp" ; "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)"
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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 6:43 AM
To: Kreitzer; Annette E (DOA); Brooks; Kevin A (DOA); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Re: Offer to the Governor

May I see the list of positions/person in SU - and is their message then that the 2000 employees WILL strike certain at some drop-dead date?

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA)" <annette.kreitzer@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 12:38:33

To:"Brooks, Kevin A (DOA)" <kevin.brooks@alaska.gov>,"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Cc:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: FW: Offer to the Governor

This is the APEA-SU ad asking Governor Palin to intervene in SU negotiations and to take the arbitrator's ruling sight unseen. It is running in the ADN and the JNU Empire. Not sure if it's in FBX as well.

This ad gives us until February 1 to accept the "offer". Privileged or Personal

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Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2008 9:50 AM

To: Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA)

Subject: FW: Offer to the Governor

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 7:44 AM
To: Savland; Monica L (GOV)
Cc: Cayce; Sunny C (GOV)
Subject: FW: HB 256 - Gov. Palin's IM bill tomorrow House Resources

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From: Alaska Backcountry Hunters & Anglers [mailto:Alaskabha@starband.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2008 3:05 PM
To: Rep_Craig_Johnson@legis.state.ak.us; Rep_Carl_Gatto@legis.state.ak.us
Cc: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Lloyd, Denby S (DFG)
Subject: HB 256 - Gov. Palin's IM bill tomorrow House Resources

Dear Rep. Gatto and Rep. Johnson,

Hi, this is Mark Richards writing, co-chair of Alaska Backcountry Hunters and Anglers. I'm writing regarding the first hearing on Gov. Palin's Intensive Management bill (HB 256) tomorrow afternoon in the House Resources committee. I've been in discussion with ADFG and Dept of Law on this bill this past summer and fall, and our org opposes HB 256. We'd like to send in detailed comments but weren't sure if you were taking public comments at this time.

In a nutshell, we strongly support Governor Palin's attempt via this bill to make our state's predator management decisions "legally defensible," but the changes to our existing IM law that are in this bill have the potential to be worse than the "disease" we are now seeing with anti-hunters and other orgs suing the state every time we try to manage our predators. This bill, if passed, would take away definitions of biological terms such as "harvestable surplus" of game, remove mandates that the Board of Game receive and duly consider input from ADFG biologists and managers regarding prudent wildlife management, and legalize the aerial shooting of bears in Intensive Management areas solely at the discretion of the Board of Game. Essentially it gives all authority on future predator management decisions to the Board of Game.

We had hoped for the public discussion and debate on this bill that Governor Palin and Commissioner Lloyd said would take place last May when this bill was introduced at the close of the last session, but we have heard not one iota about this bill in the public arena since that time. I am cc-ing this to Commissioner Lloyd and the Governor so they are clear on our position. It is likely that Resources will hear that HB 256 would make it "harder" for the Board of Game to institute drastic measures of wolf and bear control in future, and this is certainly true. It's true because as stated the Board of Game would have sole discretion on whether or not to institute future predator control programs, and would not be "forced" as they now are under current IM law to initiate any controversial predator reduction programs. But there are

two sides to this coin; on the flip side this bill if passed would also make it "easier" for the Board of Game to institute drastic measures of predator control. Indeed, we need to stop the frivolous lawsuits over our predator management schemes that cost the state (ADFG, Board of Game, Dept of Law) so much time and money, but this bill introduces too many potential downsides with its solution. It's possible that extensive legislative hearings and committee subsitutes could change our position, but at this time we oppose HB 256.

Thank you very much for your time, and if you are accepting public comments please let us know and we will get ours off to you via email or fax.
Sincerely,
Mark Richards
www.alaskabackcountryhunters.org

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 6:41 AM
To: PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Re: Fbx thanks

Glad you went up. Thank you- and for participating in Habitat mtg

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From: "PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)" <sr.parnell@alaska.gov>

Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 20:07:47

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Fbx thanks

1. I stopped by the Air Carriers Assoc Board mtg in fbx. where they let me speak and take questions. They were kind and gracious, and said to pass along their thanks to you for the low interest loan program for pilots.

2. Ann Ringstad of UAF wanted to say thank you to you for the way you treated UA's operating budget. She said it was the first time any gov she can remember treated deferred mtnce seriously and they appreciate it.

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Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 6:41 AM
To: PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Re: Conoco

Thanks for the good info!

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Date: Tue, 29 Jan 2008 20:43:23

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Conoco

It was reported to me by Melissa Stepovich that in a board meeting of some kind this morning among Fbx community members with the Interior delegation by phone, Sen. Wilken made a fairly poignant comment about how Conoco has produced more paper in press releases and ads than the number of pages in their thin proposal.

On a related issue, Conoco/BP/Newsminer have dominated things so entirely that people actually are thankful for the different perspective. It's almost as if they've been cowed into not saying what they really want to because they haven't been armed with good arguments. I'll bet I had 8-10 separate conversations with people who cautiously looked over my shoulder to make sure the Conoco and BP reps didn't hear them say how thankful they are that someone is speaking up, and how thankful they are for your leadership. Then, I was out in the car, checking my Blackberry, when a woman walked over and thanked me for standing up "for the little people" because they had been "taking a licking in their town."

It was a good day and I let the Chamber crowd know that it wasn't true you weren't talking with Conoco. That you spoke with Bowles last week in Jnu and two weeks before that from Anc, etc. I could see a few stunned faces (positive).

That's the report....I'll be in Juneau Wed/Thurs. See ya soon.

Sean

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To: Katz; John W (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV)
Subject: Re: from Andrew Halcro's blog...what to do?

Very, very disappointing, but also seems to be par for the course: too many "disclosures"/leaks that only aim to undermine this effort. This is unacceptable.

Joe- pls find out everything you can on this. It's unacceptable. Please enlist whomever else you must in order to find out who leaked... because it must, and will, stop.

John, if you can find out anything, please do. Who attended the meetings?

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From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 09:04:08

To:"Joseph R (GOV) Balash" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Subject: Re: from Andrew Halcro's blog...what to do?

My first question is how did Halcro get this information. Someone in the meeting obviously provided it. I don't like that. Such disclosure is not consistent with the relationship we hope to have with the delegation.

In our debrief with the gas team afterwards, we discussed each DC meeting and what, if anything, we need to do. We concluded that we should ask for a separate, low profile meeting with Senator Murkowski in Alaska just to review the facts, and I have requested this but have not heard back.

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Subject: Re: Board and Commission Appointments

Good job, all! Thanks!

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From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 05:28:49

To:"Bailey, Frank T (GOV)" <frank.bailey@alaska.gov>, gov.sarah@yahoo.com,"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

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From: Wayne Stevens [mailto:wstevens@alaskachamber.com]
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Alaska State Chamber of Commerce

Capital Notes

www.alaskachamber.com **Tuesday January 29, 2008**

Legislature and Governor begin shortened (90 day) session in earnest

The legislature just entered into its 14th day today with many committees operational in the first week of the second session of the 25th Alaska legislature. Finance subcommittees are already scheduling meetings hoping to complete early budget work for later deliberations. Realistically, there are only a few issues that are considered must pass for this year's legislature. Importantly, the legislature must pass an operating budget as directed by the constitution. The legislature should pass a capital budget, which helps correct and fund deferred maintenance backlogs and important transportation projects.

Other issues worth noting that will likely consume much of this legislature are: PERS/TRS retirements, Constitutional Language allowing for long-term contracts between the state and a private entity, stockpiling budget surpluses in varying accounts, funding education on a two year cycle, and funding a municipal dividend.

State of the State
Governor Palin highlighted the state operating budget as her top priority in dealing with expected surpluses. The Governor believes $7 billion should be saved in the Constitutional Budget Reserve, in the corpus of the Permanent Fund, or by forward funding education and relieving debt for PERS/TRS. Likely, the legislature will have some input, as they are the only folks under the constitution allowed to make appropriations. The Governor will likely be forced to veto or negotiate heavily before any final budget crosses her desk.

Gasline

Currently, the state of Alaska has entered into negotiations with TransCanada, the only application acceptable under the AGIA (Alaska Gasline Inducement Act) process. As you recall, AGIA took up considerable time and energy during last year's legislative session. ConocoPhillips has also submitted an application for a natural gas pipeline project that falls outside of the AGIA guidelines. Here is where things get tricky. TransCanada's application is conditional on gaining access to Alaska's vast supplies of north-slope gas. ConocoPhillips, for

argument's sake, has 1/3 of the gas, with BP and Exxon holding the remaining 2/3. As many in the legislature spelled out during the AGIA process, how do you get the folks who hold the gas to the gasline builder, and how does one private company pull their share of gas out of the ground when all of the gas is pooled together?

All three companies suggest that a fixed taxable rate needs to be set before gas can be sold in the domestic markets. While the ConocoPhillips proposal includes a fixed taxable rate, the state constitution may need some tweaking to allow the proposal to move forward. Even with changes to existing law, ConocoPhillips is still sitting on the sidelines according to the AGIA process, and TransCanada has yet to prove that there is access to the gas. So where are we with two different administrations and roughly six years into the process? It appears there is no clear resolution in sight.

HJR 27-Constitutional authority to enter into long-term natural gas contracts
On the bright side, Rep Ralph Samuels and Rep. Jay Ramras have introduced HJR 27, a bill that would create a constitutional amendment to allow for the state and a private entity to enter into a long-term contract with regards to natural gas. When the previous administration had gone down this road, many folks cited the unconstitutionality of entering into a long-term contract and thus removing the legislature's constitutional authority to tax. As you may already know, contracts for delivery of natural gas are generally sold on a long-term basis, 10-20 years into the future on average. This is the standard practice on the domestic and world natural gas markets. HJR 27 attempts to bring the state and the north-slope producers together to bring Alaska's gas to market. The bill is expected to be heard in the coming days in the House Judiciary Committee where timelines and specifics will be hotly debated.

State Chamber Priorities
Having adopted our top priorities this past fall, we are actively attempting to flesh them out during the legislative process. On the very top of the list, is the need for the state to adopt a fiscal plan. We still believe this is of the utmost importance for the future of the state. We have endorsed and reported on extensively last year, Rep. Mike Hawker's bill, HB 125. Amending Alaska Statutes regarding the Executive Budget Act, HB 125 assigns a long-term fiscal plan requirement to the Governor's duties of providing yearly budgets, with the plan looking out 10 years into the future.

Fiscal Plan
Last year, HB 125 was delayed in Senate Finance. After a few cordial meetings with Senator Stedman (co-chair of Senate Finance) and staff, we were told that the bill would be a priority next year. This year as promised, committee hearings on HB 125 began the first week. We expect more meetings in the future as details and concerns from other members are worked out. Sen. Fred Dyson and Sen.Gary Wilken also carry similar bills. A few of their ideas may have to be rolled into the final product.

We look forward to the continued dialogue and are optimistic the legislature will put something into statute this year. With the Governor having to update and submit a long-term fiscal plan each year, we will finally have a moving target for the legislature and the public to use in order to achieve long-term fiscal stability.

Other Issues
There are many other issues we are working on including limited budget growth by using the FY06 budget as a starting point and allowing for 3% growth only for consecutive years. Below please find a list of a few of the bills that we are researching, working with staff and legislators on, writing letters on and providing public testimony for. There are many issues facing Alaska's business community, far too many to list, but we are doing our best to stay out in front and represent business in Alaska.

Bill Number		Bill Title	Sponsor
HB	2	VOCATIONAL EDUC ACCOUNT	NEUMAN
HB	12	FULL FUNDING OF PERS/TRS	HAWKER
HB	13	RETIREMENT SYSTEM LIABILITY/BONDS	HAWKER
HB	17	DISTRIBUTION OF BUSINESS LICENSE INFO	GATTO
HB	25	RECREATIONAL LAND USE LIABILITY/ADV. POSS	SEATON, WILSON
HB	39	MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSACTIONS	GARA, GRUENBERG
HB	42	ALASKA MINIMUM WAGE	** GARA, CRAWFORD
HB	59	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS	CRAWFORD, GUTTENBERG
HB	61	TAX CREDIT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO VOC ED	NEUMAN
HB	63	ALTERNATIVE ENERGY GRANT FUND	THOMAS, GARDNER
HB	68	LONG-RANGE FISCAL PLAN	** GRUENBERG, HARRIS
HB	84	REFUND OF FISH BUSINESS TAX TO MUNIS	** SEATON, WILSON
HB	89	OIL & GAS PRODUCTION TAX	** GARA, CRAWFORD
HB	125	LONG-RANGE FISCAL PLAN	WAYS & MEANS
HB	128	OIL & GAS PRODUCTION TAX: EXPENDITURES	OLSON
HB	152	ESTABLISHING A RENEWABLE ENERGY FUND	HARRIS
HB	164	OCEAN RANGERS & REPORTING VESSEL LOCATION	TRANSPORTATION
HB	179	PUBLIC EMPLOYEE/TEACHER RETIREM'T SYSTEMS	KELLY
HB	200	WORKERS' COMP: DISEASE PRESUMPTION	DAHLSTROM
HB	202	COMMUNITY REVENUE SHARING	COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS
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HB	321	SALMON PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT	Thomas
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HJR	12	ENDORSING ANWR LEASING	JOHNSON
HJR	27	Const. Am Limiting Taxes on GAS	Ramras
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SB	21	PERSONAL INFORMATION & CONSUMER CREDIT	THERRIAULT
SB	25	STATE PLANNING AND BUDGET	DYSON
SB	117	WORKERS' COMP: DISEASE PRESUMPTION	FRENCH
SB	120	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS	LABOR & COMMERCE
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SB	147	WORKERS' COMP EMPLOYER LIABILITY	FRENCH

SB	174	OIL AND GAS TAX	WAGONER
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SB	242	OIL & GAS PRODUCTION TAX DATES	RESOURCES
SB	248	SALMON PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT	HOFFMAN
SB	72	COMMUNITY REVENUE SHARING	COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS
SB	96	ESTABLISHING A RENEWABLE ENERGY FUND	ELLIS
SB	224	G.O. BONDS FOR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Upcoming Elections

As is the norm in any second session of the Alaska Legislature, individuals begin vying for various seats while others look to new challenges. So is the latter case for Representative Mary Nelson of Bethel (District 38) and Sen. Gary Wilken of Fairbanks (District E), have both have publicly announced that they will not seek reelection this upcoming fall. We appreciate their willingness to serve the state of Alaska and we look forward to this last legislative session with them as members. Public service often garners little reward, but collects a great deal of criticism. The Alaska State Chamber of Commerce thanks them both for their public service these many years.

State Chamber of Commerce

While there are a number of issues the State Chamber is working on, if there is an issue that is important to you and your business, please let the folks at the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce know of your concerns.

Following Legislation?

Any person can follow the legislative process and access new bills, committee substitutes or determine which legislator is on a particular committee in the Legislative Bill Action and Status Inquiry System (BASIS). You can see what committee a bill is in, when it will be heard, how committee members voted, and much more. You can also view all bills relating to your specific areas of interest by selecting "Subject Summary" from the menu on the right. Just click on the link below and bookmark it for later use.

http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/start.asp

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We Didn't Do It

by

Dr. Gerald Bracey
Guest Column

American educators are, by and large, a passive bunch. Comes the lashing over our alleged failures and we mostly take a "this, too will pass," or an "I will work harder" attitude (the latter after the horse in Animal Farm and we know what happened to him). Educators were blamed for letting the Russians get into space first (Eisenhower wanted them to do that), for the urban riots of the 60's, for the SAT decline (mostly due to changes in the demographics of who was taking the SAT), for letting us become threatened by "a rising tide of mediocrity" and therefore "A Nation at Risk." Lately myriad reports have exhorted teachers to do more lest we be felled economically by China or India (enter "Believing the Worst" and "Bracey" into Google to get a chronicle of th that appeared in Stanford Magazine summer of 2006).

Well, right now we have a chance to blow some reality onto the fog of education is perceived. Make a sign that sits above your head strappe around your chest or waste proclaiming some version of "We Didn't M. Mess!" "This Mess" being the global economic crisis brought on by the

mortgage debacle whose full scope even now is not yet known.

So far, no one has figured out how to lay this one on the schools although I'm sure Bush and Spellings have Carl Rove locked in an office to construct some scenario for blame. (The schools will likely be involved in some way. On Tuesday, January 22, Bush appeared with Treasury secretary, Henry Paulson, and financial guru Charles Schwab to announce the formation of an advisory committee on "financial literacy.")

In the meantime, when someone at a dinner party says, "You idiot educators have really done it this time," you have some comebacks:

1. Schools didn't produce the cheap credit which financed the housing bubble. Cheap credit was available because we were borrowing $2 billion a day, mostly from China (boy, if they ever cash in their chits...).
2. Greenspan kept rates low as a matter of policy and denied the existence of the bubble (just some "froth").
3. Unchecked Financial "Innovation." Shoddy products such as "Collateralized Debt Obligations" and "Structured Investment Vehicles" were packaged by banks and sold on Wall Street, and not by high schoolers trying to raise money for their class trip.
4. The ratings agencies—Standard & Poor's, Moody's, etc.—were asleep at the wheel. At best. They might have known all along what was happening but looked the other way or winked in order to maintain good relations with the banks issuing the garbage noted in #3. Because of this, not only has personal credit tightened, but banks are skittish about lending to each other because they don't know how much of an institution is just a straw house.
5. Predatory lending. American high schoolers might be middling at math, but I bet most of them would have seen the flaw in a dominant sales strategy: Home values will rise forever! So it doesn't matter what the terms of the loan are because you're sure to get rich from rising equity and prices. I am not a mortgage maven, but I'm not a novice either, but when one outfit offered me one of these interest-only-option deals, it took some very close reading of the fine print to see that I would be in a negative amortization situation (the principal of my loan would grow over time; I would owe more money than I borrowed) and that the interest rate could jump from 5.5% to 10.5% in a single year. No thanks.

In the meantime, the military wants to expand by 92,000 troops with an estimated annual cost of $1.2 billion per 10,000. As of 2005 the Pentagon's Base Structure Report—the government's own official count--listed 737 bases around the world not counting those in Kosovo, Israel, Kyrgistan, Qatar, Uzbekistan or Iraq (106 by itself). Some peace-loving nation, huh? At the height of their power, the Roman Empire in 117 A. D. had 37 bases, Great Britain in 1898, 36. And, of course, the Pentagon's list doesn't include "black" sites.

So, educators, take the initiative (but don't be "pro-active," perhaps the ugliest word in the English language). Show people what's happening in Japan and Hong Kong and other nations where high scores allegedly produce prosperity. You might remind anyone you're speaking with that in the 1990's once the Japanese

discovered that the Emperor's palace and grounds were not worth more than the state of California, Japan's economy tanked, but its kids continued to ace tests.

Dr, Gerald W. Bracey is currently an associate of the High/Scope Educational Research Foundation, a fellow at the Education Policy Studies Laboratory at Arizona State University and a fellow at the Education and the Public Interest Center at the University of Colorado at Boulder. He maintains a website, the Education Disinformation Detection and Reporting Agency, dedicated to using the real-time power of the Net to debunk dis- and mis-information about public schools.

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Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 7:14 AM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: RE: from Andrew Halcro's blog...what to do?

I didn't get debriefed on the DC meetings so I don't know what was said, but it easily could have come from Stevens, Murkowski or their office staff. Do we know it came from our side???

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wed 1/30/2008 6:39 AM
To: Katz, John W (GOV); Balash, Joseph R (GOV)
Subject: Re: from Andrew Halcro's blog...what to do?

Very, very disappointing, but also seems to be par for the course: too many "disclosures"/leaks that only aim to undermine this effort. This is unacceptable.

Joe- pls find out everything you can on this. It's unacceptable. Please enlist whomever else you must in order to find out who leaked... because it must, and will, stop.

John, if you can find out anything, please do. Who attended the meetings?
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-----Original Message-----
From: "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>

Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 09:04:08
To:"Joseph R (GOV) Balash" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>
Cc:"Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: from Andrew Halcro's blog...what to do?

My first question is how did Halcro get this information. Someone in the meeting obviously provided it. I don't like that. Such disclosure is not consistent with the relationship we hope to have with the delegation.

In our debrief with the gas team afterwards, we discussed each DC meeting and what, if anything, we need to do. We concluded that we should ask for a separate, low profile meeting with Senator Murkowski in Alaska just to review the facts, and I have requested this but have not heard back.

Senator Stevens is adamant (and probably so is Senator Murkowski). In our collective opinion, we need to continue to educate and inform, not cut off communications.

Fortunately, we're not asking for anything now from Congress or the delegation. If there is activity, it will be at FERC and perhaps DOE. The reality is that AGIA is the only game in town, and I believe that the delegation understands that.

Larry and I are continuing to respond to specific questions from the delegation, and hopefully that dialogue will help. The next big DC event is FERC's next report to Congress on the gasline. Collectively, I believe we've done everything we can to help FERC understand the current situation.

Because of the importance of your question, I'm taking the liberty of adding the Governor to our email exchange.

P.S.
On a more optimistic note, all of the other meetings went very well. The participants were interested and receptive.

Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is <mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org> jwkatz@alaskadc.org. Thank you .

>>> On 1/30/2008 at 1:42 AM, in message <4B8A5A1B956F474E82FCEFA159230B8D7B30FF@SOAJNUMSG03.soa.alaska.gov>, "Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov> wrote:

Jan 30: Mr. AGIA goes to Washington

Last week, the AGIA architects traveled to Washington D.C. to deliver an AGIA update back to Alaska's Congressional delegation.
With a year behind us and little progress, DNR Commissioner Tom Irwin and DNR Deputy Commissioner Marty Rutherford ran head first into two skeptical Alaska Senators.
In a meeting with both Alaska Senator Ted Stevens and Senator Lisa Murkowski, Irwin and Rutherford encountered Senators unwilling to accept their sales pitch. Both Stevens and Murkowski were reportedly cranky and blunt about AGIA.
Stevens apparently told Irwin and Rutherford, "You're not listening and you didn't listen last time."
And, at one point, Stevens cut off Irwin as he was waxing poetic about the benefits of AGIA and said, "Don't philosophize with me."
As a friend of mine pointed out, it's great political theater but it doesn't build a pipeline.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 10:24 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: CEO Inside Look: Broadway - Register Now!

From: Chief Executives Organization [mailto:ceoheadquarters@ceo.mmsend.com] **On Behalf Of** Chief Executives Organization
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 9:22 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: CEO Inside Look: Broadway - Register Now!

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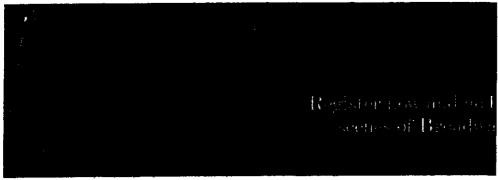
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Working with leading Broadway actor (and son) Barrett Foa, Hosts Conrad and Linda Foa have developed designed to give CEOers an insider's perspective of contemporary Broadway. Featuring leading directors, and crew, this enlightening Inside Look will provide a rare glimpse into a complex industry.

During this three-day program, you'll hear from leading Broadway experts, gain access to legendary theatr studios, attend two of Broadway's most popular shows, and experience New York City's sparkling social s the program include:

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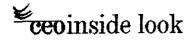
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Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 7:56 PM
To: PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Re: Resist the urge

Amen

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To: Governor Sarah Palin

Sent: Jan 30, 2008 7:56 PM

Subject: Resist the urge

Pls consider resisting the urge to speak :)

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Subject: Re: AGIA

:) we're still smiling---

I was just positively stunned to see you there as I suspect leggies were.

Let 'em eat cake

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Sent: Wed Jan 30 19:36:24 2008

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From: "Frye, Ivy J (DOA)" <ivy.frye@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 19:14:32

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: You're so awesome!

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Sent: Wed Jan 30 19:05:13 2008

Subject: Re: You're so awesome!

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From: Ivy Frye

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Sent: Jan 30, 2008 6:59 PM

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Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 6:34 PM
To: Irwin; Tom E (DNR)
Subject: Re:

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------Original Message------

From: Tom Irwin

To: Governor Sarah Palin

Sent: Jan 30, 2008 6:20 PM

Subject:

Thanks for coming!!!

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 5:08 PM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: News Miner editorial board

Why don't they want to do it sooner?

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From: "Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 17:03:05

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: News Miner editorial board

Governor-

I told Rod Boyce that you would be happy to have a teleconference with the editorial board - He prefers a "face to face'" meeting when you are in Fairbanks next month. Shall I continue to pursue a teleconference?

Sharon Leighow

Deputy Press Secretary

Deputy Communications Director

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 5:03 PM
To: Perez; Linda J (GOV)
Cc: Colberg; Talis J (LAW); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Ethics

Linda: May I get a copy of the annual ethics and disclosure forms that I must submit nezt week? Thanks

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 4:07 PM
To: Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
Cc: Leschper; Beth (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: DOT Dust Control Project in Eagle

Yes, nonsensicle to implement the program if it's not wanted. Thanks

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From: "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 15:48:35

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Cc:"Leschper, Beth (GOV)" <beth.leschper@alaska.gov>,"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: DOT Dust Control Project in Eagle

Governor:

Commissioner Von Scheben asked me to let you know DOT plans on going back to the community of Eagle on February 5th, holding a public hearing on the proposed dust control project, and if the community is overwhelmingly against it, dropping the project. (The project and the communities opposition to it was the subject of a recent news story).

Randy

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From: Michele Metz [michele.metz@sealaska.com]

Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 4:40 PM

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Subject: RE: Lunch

Man, no kidding! That was delicious!

Just an fyi to all you folks who missed today's forum, Andy Ebona announced that Senator Ted Stevens will be speaking at a specially scheduled Native Issues Forum on Monday, February 18 (Presidents Day), at noon at the ANB Hall.

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Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 4:33 PM
To: Myrna Brown; Andrew Ebona; Lindoff, Angel A (DOR); A Duncan Munro; amalia.monreal@searhc.org; Miss Annette Marie Osborne; angel.culp@goldbelt.com; Alfred McKinley, Sr.; andrea doll; Andrea Cadiente-Laiti; Beverly J. Vonda; Donnelly, Bernice M (EED); Buck, Hannah K (GOV); bobloescher@gci.net; Clifton, Kelly L (GOV); connie munro; Doloresa Cadiente; danthea; Brown, Darrell (HAL); Ella Bennett; Ethel Lund; Corpuz, Elena (DOA); Susettna; Gomez, Shelly (HSS); gary.droubay@goldbelt.com; Ishmael Hope; jfjll; Mason, Janice L (GOV); Jerry Ann; Judy Mason; Jerry Bennett; Bennett, Janice A (DFG); Joann Patterson; Catherine V. Thomas; Kate Kokotovich; Kathy Miller; Squires-White, Lynn (DOA); SueAnn Williams; Lavonne Garvey; lkadinger@thrha.org; Nashoanak, Martha L (DOA); Maureen Brown; Mike Early; Marietta Hopkins; Michele Metz; memartin@gci.net; Marie Olsen; Marvin, Sharon A (HSS); Molly Yerkes; Nancy Barnes; Norman Sarabia; norman.flood@goldbelt.com; Nicole Hallingstad; Korting, Nancy A (LAW); peter@kootznoowoo.com; Percy Martin; pexendine@gci.net; Ruaro, Randall P (GOV); Ron Williams; Renee Culp; Rhonda Hickok; Selina Everson; Palin, Sarah H (GOV); Thea Brown; Theresa Tanoury; St.Clair, Vonda M (DOR); Vicki Soboleff; Victoria Johnson; Diane Carrier; Lyle James; zuboffsj@gci.net
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The Native Issues cooking crew is busy preparing a delicious lunch style buffet that includes corn beef brisket w/cabbage, meat loaf supreme, mashed potatoes, steamed rice, green beans, buttered dinner roll, fresh berry pie, lima beans with ham, potato salad, macaroni salad, cesar's salad and fruit salad. This certainly beats being out in this cold miserable weather; you can see old friends and meet new friends! The cooking smells throughout the building here is making everyone hungry....

The Native Issues Forum begins approximately at 11:45 AM and concludes at 1:00 PM. Your presence is valuable and important. Thank you.

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 3:47 PM
To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Frank Bailey; Frye; Ivy J (DOA)
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Huckabee

He called. Very cool. Unless McCain calls, Huck's a good pick for me, just fyi. He says he's all for gasline and anwr- very cool.

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The Native Issues cooking crew is busy preparing a delicious lunch style buffet that includes corn beef brisket w/cabbage, meat loaf supreme, mashed potatoes, steamed rice, green beans, buttered dinner roll, fresh berry pie, lima beans with ham, potato salad, macaroni salad, cesar's salad and fruit salad. This certainly beats being out in this cold miserable weather; you can see old friends and meet new friends! The cooking smells throughout the building here is making everyone hungry....

The Native Issues Forum begins approximately at 11:45 AM and concludes at 1:00 PM. Your presence is valuable and important. Thank you.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2008 10:54 AM
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Subject: FW: Weekly News Bulletin: Jan. 30-Feb. 5, 2008

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1. **INTEL BECOMES LARGEST PURCHASER OF GREEN POWER IN THE U.S.**

   Intel, the world's largest chipmaker, announced that it would buy more than 1.3 billion kilowatt hours a year of renewable energy certificates, making it the largest corporate purchaser of alternative energy in the United States. The certificates will subsidize the development of wind, solar, biomass and small-scale hydro-electric sources of energy, Intel said in a statement. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that Intel's purchase has the equivalent impact of taking more than 185,000 passenger cars off the road each year...**Read More »**

2. **CONCORD REGIONAL WASTE CO-OP TO BUILD $11 MILLION RECYCLING FACILITY**

   To help avoid rising tipping fees at the Wheelabrator-operated waste-to-energy plant in Penacook, NH, the Concord Regional Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative, comprised of 27 towns, is seeking to build an $11 million "single stream" recycling facility. Driving the move are tipping fees at the burn plant which are slated to increase from $43 per ton currently to between $55 and $65 per ton next year. The co-op is looking at five different sites along the Interstate 93 corridor to build the proposed 60,000-square-foot plant. However, the economic feasibility of such a project dictates a minimum annual intake of 15 to 20 thousand tons of recyclables which means that the co-op will have to seek outside sources to make up the shortfall from the 10 thousand tons the co-op generates currently...**Read More »**

3. **HIGHLAND CAPITAL BUYS MARCAL PAPER MILLS FOR $160 MILLION**

   A U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New Jersey approved the sale of Elwood Park, N.J.-based Marcal Paper Mills Inc. to a Texas hedge fund for $160 million. Dallas-based Highland Capital Management assumes control of the 75-year old Marcalus family paper business which had filed for bankruptcy protection in 2006. Highland already held the bulk of Marcal's second-lien debt which has led other creditors to accuse the firm of using the bankruptcy sale process to obtain the company at a discount. Marcal uses more than 200,000 tons of recycled paper each year to make a variety of paper products, including bath and facial tissue and towels. The sale is still subject to completion of an agreement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding the state's Industrial Site Recovery Act...**Read More »**

4. **FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT SIGNS DEAL TO DEVELOP 5.25 MW LANDFILL GAS-TO-ENERGY PROJECT**

   Florida Power & Light has signed a deal with Manatee Green Power to construct and operate a 5.25 megawatt methane gas-to-energy plant near the Lena Road Landfill in Manatee County, FL. It is expected to start producing power in January 2009 and is to serve more than 1,800 homes, based on summer peak demand averages...**Read More »**

5. **REP. JOHNSON INTRODUCES TAX CREDITS FOR "GREEN" TRUCK FLEETS**

Rep. Hank Johnson introduced legislation that would provide temporary tax credits to companies that use recycled tire content in their vehicle fleets. Known as the TIRE Act, H.R. 5103 amends the Internal Revenue Service Code of 1986 to allow a $3 per tire credit for five years against income tax for fleet operators that purchase tires made from recycled rubber. Roughly 280 million tires are manufactured in the US annually, each requiring 7 gallons of petroleum, and as much as 22 gallons for a truck tire. A tire made with even 10% recycled content would avoid the use of a gallon or more of oil...**Read More »**

6. **PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC IS SEEKING PARTNERS FOR BIOMETHANE PROJECTS**

Pacific Gas and Electric is seeking research assistance to identify partners to produce biomethane, a renewable clean energy that it can provide to customers throughout its northern and central California service area. Biomethane is derived from biomass which can come from a variety of sources including agricultural crops, agricultural and forestry wastes and residues, and construction wood wastes, among others. California and the western region of North America contain large quantities of biomass which could make a meaningful contribution to the energy supply as well as reduce greenhouse gas emissions through avoided use of fossil fuels and decrease reliance on landfill disposal...**Read More »**

7. **ALLIED WASTE CLOSES ON $33.9 MILLION IN SOLID WASTE REVENUE BONDS**

Allied Waste Industries Inc. announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Allied Waste North America Inc., successfully completed the offering of $33.9 million in principal amount of California Municipal Finance Authority Solid Waste Revenue Variable Rate Demand Bonds Series 2008A due 2024. The offering is backed by a letter of credit as credit enhancement for the bonds. Inclusive of the letter of credit fees, the initial all-in cost to Allied is about 4.20%. As of the date of issuance, the bonds bear variable interest rates reset weekly based on market rates...**Read More »**

8. **SPSA DIRECTOR JOHN HADFIELD TO RETIRE**

Southeastern Public Service Authority's Executive Director, John Hadfield announced that he will retire later this year. Hadfield, who is 62, is leaving an agency that he helped to build over the last 30 years. His tenure of late has been marked by controversy as the agency struggled with debt, plans to import out-of-state waste, lawsuits and a near mutiny of some of its eight municipal members. When many thought he

would be fired, he instead got a raise. That the agency which includes an area larger than the state of Delaware is still standing, is a testament to his strong leadership. He is a former Army captain and Vietnam veteran...**Read More »**

9. **PLASCOENERGY BEGINS TO RECEIVE MSW AT ITS PLASMA DEMONSTRATION PLANT**

   Ottawa Ontario-based Plasco Energy began receiving MSW at its Plasco Trail Road Demonstration Plant which employs a proprietary plasma process to burn waste and generate a clean burning synthetic gas. The clean burning synthetic gas drives combustion engines to generate electricity. Eventually the plant will operate 24-7 once all testing is complete possibly by the end of next month...**Read More »**

10. **VIRIDIS WASTE CONTROL WINS PATENT FOR BIOREACTOR TECHNOLOGY**

    Dublin, Ohio-based Viridis Waste Control LLC announced winning a patent for its bioreactor technology that employs septage waste to augment the process. In addition to the usual benefits of bioreactors including accelerated decomposition and gas recovery and increased capacity and landfill life, the methodology helps avoid having to land apply or spray septic waste on farm fields. The company was formed by former St. Clair County, MI Smiths Creek landfill manager Larry O'Keefe who is in the midst of a dispute with the county over rights to the technology which the county claims to have helped to develop...**Read More »**

11. **SHARPS COMPLIANCE BUYS MEDICAL WASTE FACILITY AND AUTOCLAVE TECHNOLOGY**

    Medical waste disposal firm Sharps Compliance Corp. has purchased a medical waste facility that it currently leases in Carthage, TX. The purchase includes an incinerator that is currently permitted to treat 11 tons per day, but has a capacity of 30 tons per day in a 12,000 square foot building on a 4.5 acre parcel of land. The company also executed a purchase order for a state-of-the-art autoclave system and technology capable of boosting the existing capacity of the plant which does so in a cleaner, less costly manner than incineration. The total cost is estimated to be $900,000...**Read More »**

12. **COVANTA HOLDING CORP TO RELEASE 4TH QUARTER EARNINGS ON FEBRUARY 26**

    Covanta Holding Corporation plans to release fourth quarter financial results at the close of markets on Tuesday, February 27, 2008. The company will host a conference call the following day at 8:30 a.m. to discuss those results and answer questions...**Read More »**

13. **AMERICAN ECOLOGY CORP TO RELEASE 4TH QUARTER EARNINGS ON FEBRUARY 7**

    American Ecology Corporation plans to release fourth quarter financial results on Thursday, February 7, 2008 prior to the opening of the market and will host a conference call at 11 a.m. (ET) to discuss those results as well as the outlook for 2008...**Read More »**

14. **WASTE MANAGEMENT LAUNCHES INTERACTIVE EDUCATIONAL WEB SITE**

    Waste Management launched an interactive website called thinkgreen.com which it hopes will help to educate the public about what happens to waste beyond the fact that the garbage cans are magically

emptied each week. "We want to pull back the curtain and reverse the way the public thinks about waste. This is a tremendous opportunity for the public to learn more about our operations and the ways modern practices are protecting and enhancing the environment," said David Steiner, CEO...**Read More »**

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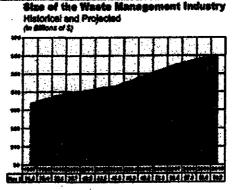
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To: Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Fradley; Tara D (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Subject: Letters

Hate to bug u Kris, or anyone else: but do u remember we did the letters of recommendations for Britta Hanson? Her mom needs more copies of it, I can sign new copies. If we don't have it anymore, can someone print off a few copies of Elle Fuller's letter of reco, replacing Britta's name in it? She needs it for college scholarship apps. Thank you!

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 3:33 PM
To: Mason; Janice L (GOV)
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: FW: Elections

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 3:44 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Elections

Web mail from: Steve Hanson

address: Ogden Ogden UT 84404

801-458-2985

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor,

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. This letter is of the upper most importance. I am a republican voter, and am very invested as a young person in this country. I have been very involved in learning and studying the history of the differing persons that are in the primary process this year. As I have been able to look over the many different situations, actions, and future desires of the nominees I have come to the conclusion of whom I will be voting for. It is Governor Mitt Romney. http://www.mittromney.com/ There are a few reasons why I am doing so. He is a great and strong leader that can help us come to a great place in the history of this county.

He would be able to do that in three main areas. The first being, that he is a pro family, pro life person. I am aware that he supported one bill to allow abortion however we need to be aware that he was entering into a very liberal state and that he understand the importance of give and take. He denied many, many other abortion laws that came before him. He was given the pro life award while in Massachusetts as a statement of his strong stance on life, and his large, strong family is another point of proof.

The second area in which he would be a strong leader of the United States is because of his great economic understanding and background. He has the ability to lead our economic situation in an onward and upward motion. This world in which we live is even more competitive in the business world then ever before and Gov Romney has done business with over 20 differing countries and all over the US, he knows this stuff. I would recommend looking at the following link it is an over view of the economic stimulus plan which is

great. http://www.mittromney.com/News/Press-Releases/Romney_Agenda_1.19.

Thirdly Romney has the ability to keep us safe from sea to shining sea. The reason is because a president of the States does not have to secure the country on his own he has staffs on staff to help. If the president did not no one could keep us safe. With that said he will work with his staff to ensure peace and safety, and he can do that better then most. The reason he can is because he has the strong ability of negotiations. Mitt Romney has the ability to bring groups, or people together and help them come up with a solution to real world problems. A few examples of this are the ways that he was able to turn the Olympics around and work with so many differing countries. Secondly he was able to help the pro-gun groups, and antigun groups come up with a resolution on what type of arms people should and should not be able to have. He can help people, groups, and countries come together.

I would encourage you to endorse and support Romney in his actions as running for president. He will not let us down at Americans.

In conclusion Mitt Romney is a strong leader such as yourself. He is very capable and the best man for the job of President of the United States of America at this point in time. He has the ability and the funding in the primary and the general election to beat the democrats. He has vision, direction, and force. He is strong in Family values, protection of the States, and Economic stability. He is a person that will live up to the three legs of the Republican Party and will serve us well.

Thank you again for taking the time to read this letter.

From,

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 3:17 PM
To: pklei@cinci.rr.com
Subject: RE: Ak_History_Facts

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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From: WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 3:24 PM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Ak_History_Facts

Web mail from: Mr. Peter Klei

address: 5051 Midfield Rd. Cincinnati OH 45244

513-535-0232

MESSAGE:

Dear Sarah, 1/30/2008

Today in our mail I recieved an ivitation to apply for one of your state's travel guides. I promptly filled out my card so I may get one in the near future. Thank you. My mother and I will be traveling to your great state at the end of June and early July 2008. My father died two years ago and my mother and I decided we should take a trip of a lifetime. Alaska was our choice. My mother is 72 years old and curator of the Warren County Historical Society just north of Cincinnati Ohio. All aspects of history and geography interest her greatly. We are comming to Fairbanks on June 25th and will tour Danali before setting sail on the Coral Princess. It so happens that we will be in Juneau on the birthday of our great nation. We were wondering if it would be possible to meet you and your family. I know it would be a great thrill and honor for my mother and I. My Email and

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 3:58 PM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
Subject: FW: Vanguard 1-10

From: Michaela Goertzen [mailto:mgoertzen@institutenorth.org]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 3:55 PM
To: mgoertzen@institutenorth.org
Subject: Vanguard 1-10

Dear Reader:

Attached please find this week's issue of the Vanguard, a newsletter providing information on national security for state and local policymakers. We thank you for your interest and support, and invite your comments.

Best Regards,

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Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 1:58 PM
To: Colberg; Talis J (LAW)
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Murkowski and Exxon Valdez amicus

thanks for answering him Talis. We didn't have anything to do with former Govs signing on to any amicus.

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From: "Colberg, Talis J (LAW)" <talis.colberg@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 13:22:52

To:junobob@att.net

Subject: RE: Murkowski and Exxon Valdez amicus

Dear Mr. Tkacz,

The former Governor's joined the Legislature Amicus Brief, not the Dept. of Law Amicus. The Dept. of Law did not coordinate which Governor's were or were not contacted to join that brief. I think the attorney's who drafted that brief for the Legislature could answer your question. They are James E. Fosler and Jared A. Goldstein.

The confusion may have come from the press release where Governor Palin did thank the former Governor's for their expression of support in the Legislature's brief which seeks the same remedy as our brief.

Hope that helps.

Talis Colberg

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From: junobob@att.net [mailto:junobob@att.net]

Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 1:13 PM

To: Colberg, Talis J (LAW)

Subject: Murkowski and Exxon Valdez amicus

Mr. Attorney General,

Would you please confirm for me that former Gov. Murkowski was given the opportunity to add his support to the state's amicus brief on the Exxon Valdez hearing before the US Supreme Court.

Sincerely,

Bob

Bob Tkacz

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Subject: Re: approval ratings - Ivan Moore's latest poll

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From: "Bailey, Frank T (GOV)" <frank.bailey@alaska.gov>

Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 11:23:37

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>,"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: Re: approval ratings - Ivan Moore's latest poll

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Sent: Wed Jan 30 11:04:13 2008

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To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Re: approval ratings - Ivan Moore's latest poll

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Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 10:58 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Fish_and_Game

Web mail from: Mr. Wm R Harvey Jr

address: 13720 Davis road Anchorage AK 99516

MESSAGE:

We against SB 176 and HB 256. F&G is just a pawn of the hunters and trappers. They have symbiotic relationship. The weather is the determinant for survival of ungulates. We already voted against aerial hunting but many of you folk don't know the meaning of Democracy.

I own lots of property in the valley and the poaching is rampant. We have helicopters flying over and landing on our lakes looking for game. I grew hunting and trapping and aerial hunting is not honorable.

Also, if you believe that F&G can predict anything as complex as the food web, just ask any commercial fisherman.

Wm Harvey

peatyboy@gci.net

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 3:56 PM
To: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: FW: COMMUNICATIONS

From: joe holbert [mailto:joe.carolyn@acsalaska.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 3:52 PM
To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Cc: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); joe.carolyn@acsalaska.net
Subject: COMMUNICATIONS

Dear Governor Palin,

I hope you might will find a moment for a quick review of the attachment as a tool to address
communications challenges.

With respects and best wishes,

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Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 10:10 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Other

Web mail from: Ms. Belinda Coonrod

address: 10600 Hillside Dr. Anchorage AK 99507

907-240-5773

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Subject: Food

Is 4:30, my office, good for preview of 6pm Leggies AGIA update?

Pls respond with a time and number of participants, I'll get early dinner in my office for the enegy you'll need before the team's presentation.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 2:12 PM

To: Saviers; Robert F (DOT)

Subject: RE: Cort

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

From: Saviers, Robert F (DOT)
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 1:25 PM
To: Palin, Sarah H (GOV)
Subject: Cort

Nice picture of Cort with you in Alaska Magazine...Was he trying to act taller?......and why wasn't Willow in a Hooptime sweater???????????????????....How you set for moose burger??...Want Cort to bring some up???

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So beofre the briefing, not after.

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From: Mike Tibbles

To: Governor Sarah Palin

Sent: Jan 30, 2008 8:34 AM

Subject: RE: Tonight

I'll work with Janice to get a count. Janice can order delivery from here and use the state card to make it easy.

Mike

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How many are on tap for tonight's 6pm leggies briefing. I shall be there. IF I order pizza or sandwiches or something from the Mansion's kitchen beforehand, how many should I prepare for - AGIA team plus our office folks ?? Number?

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Wait- who bent the rules to let TC in?

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Date: Wed, 30 Jan 2008 08:00:25

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Governor,

We're sorry we haven't yet briefed you on the DC trip.

Halcro is accurate. Of our meetings in DC, the one with the Senators was the only negative. Don Young was separate and very positive. The quotes are almost verbatim, so he has a good source.

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just barely short of saying "a pipeline at ANY cost." His other points were:

- The next federal administration will not allow any Alaska projects;
- No additional federal assistance will be provided by Congress;
- The current federal assistance will be repealed if ANY gas will end up staying in Canada.

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Their overall message is not consistent with the impression we get from the federal agencies, or from Drue Pearce. We believe the appetite for the gasline project remains high in DC, and there may be an opportunity to pursue additional help when the time comes.

-Pat

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I wasn't debriefed after that mtg - were there problems there? Is Halcro's account accurate?

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Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2008 11:14 AM

To: govpalin@alaska.gov

Subject: Fundraiser for Assembly Member Paul Bauer

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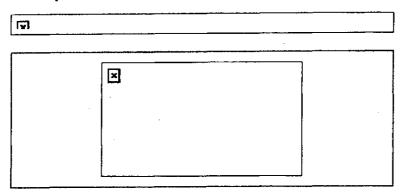
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Please SUPPORT Paul Bauer for re-election on the Anchorage Assembly.
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Your contributions and your presence is much appreciated

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Cc: Leschper; Beth (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)

Subject: DOT Dust Control Project in Eagle

Governor:

Commissioner Von Scheben asked me to let you know DOT plans on going back to the community of Eagle on February 5th, holding a public hearing on the proposed dust control project, and if the community is overwhelmingly against it, dropping the project. (The project and the communities opposition to it was the subject of a recent news story).

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With the gas team, we are implementing initiatives in several quarters to address the points discussed in the delegation meeting. Beyond this, I didn't see much new in the content of the exchanges which occurred.

The delegation is convinced that we should resume negotiations with the producers. We have responded that you stand by the principles in AGIA and that there may be a role for the producers at some point later on.

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LAW went after the investment company and reached a settlement agreement. Under the agreement, the state employees would receive 100% of their retirement funds, (+) the rate of return the fund was supposed to provide for the time period that it dropped on those funds, (+) interest.

Because the settlement was so favorable to Alaskans, and the company faced nationwide exposure, the investment company asked LAW to agree not to do a press release. LAW agreed not to do a press release. LAW did so knowing there was no agreement to keep the settlement confidential and knowing that LAW could contact all the Alaskans harmed financially by letter, actual phone calls, etc. to make sure they got full compensation.

In the 30 days since the first letter giving notice about the settlement went out, 1035 persons (80.35% of the total eligible for a recovery) have responded and received their money. $5.4 million of the total $6.3 million in settlement proceeds have been paid out. Next week, another letter is going out to the persons who did not respond to the first letter.

Mike Barnhill, the attorney interviewed by Mr. Forgey is still upset with the spin that was put into the story and told him that it was ridiculous to characterize the settlement as a secret or confidential.

Randy

Byers, Gail Y (LAW)

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Thanks
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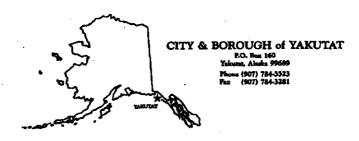
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I feel you are doing an outstanding job as governor. Your critics are hard pressed to find public support for their criticism. Keep up the good work.

Thank you again for the time you spent with us.

Dave Stone

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